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SUBJ: INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED GOM FORNMIN OFFICIAL HANDLING REFUGEE AFFAIRS (ABDUL KADIR BIN MHOD.) TO DISCUSS REPORT IN PARA 3 REF A THAT UNHOR IS NEGOTIATING AND AGREEMENT WITH "AUTHORITIES" TO PROVIDE CARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE NEEDY AMONG 3,100 CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. ABDUL KADIR SAID THAT THE ONLY UNHOR AGREEMENT WAS WITH THE MALAYSIAN RED CROSS, GOM HAD ENTERED INTO NO AGREEMENTS WITH UNHOR, AND HAS NO INTENTION TO DO SO. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE FIGURE OF 3,100 REFUGEES CAME FROM; THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON PULAU PERHENTIAN OFF MALAYSIA'S EAST COAST. IN ADDITION GOM HAS ACCEPTED TOTAL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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108 KHMER MOSLEMS FOR RESETTLEMENT.

- 2. EMBOFF THEN RAISED QUESTION OF RUMORS TO EFFECT THAT GOM ENTERED INTO AGREEMENT WITH THAI GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL 1,000 KHMER MOSLEMS. (WE HAD HEARD RUMOR FROM SEVERAL SOURCES.) ABDUL KADIR CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT GOM HAD AGREED TO THIS EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICTLY. HE ADDED THAT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO SUBSTANCE TO ANOTHER RUMOR THAT SHIP CARRYING 1,000 KHMER MOSLEMS IS CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TO MALAYSIA.
- 3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW SOURCE OF UNHCR REPORT, BUT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS CONTINUING HARD LINE ON VN REFUGEES.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: FAVORABLE USG RESPONSE ON RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REF (C) AND IN VIEW OF NEED TO PROCESS AND DOCUMENT THOSE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
  WITH DISPATCH, WE WOULD LIKE TO RENEW REQUEST CONTAINED REF B THAT AN INS TEAM BE ASSIGNED TO MALAYSIA, PROMPTLY.
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